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A Touch of Broadway at Clarke

By JIMMY COULAS
Staff Writer

April first, otherwise known as "April Fools day," has a history dating back five hundred years. Way back in 1562, Pope Gregory introduced a new calendar in which the New Year fell on January first.

There were some people who did not hear about the change and as a result, they celebrated the New Year on April first. The people who did know about the change in the calendar played jokes on the other people. The jokes were nicknamed "April Fools." They would also try to make people believe stories that were not true.

In France today, April Fools day is called "Poisson d'Avril." The children in France have a weird way of celebrating the unusual holiday. They will tape a paper fish on the back of their friends. When the unlucky child finds the fish, the prankster yells, "Poisson d'Avril."

In America, April Fool's day is observed in a different way. One of the most common tricks played on April Fools day is when somebody will say, "Look, your shoelace is untied." Another joke involves putting salt in a sugar bowl. College students may set their roommate's clock an hour behind so that he or she shows up to the wrong class. Anne Weiss, a sophomore physical therapy/ psychology major, remembers a prank that was that some friends played on her. Weiss said, "In high school three of my good friends poured shaving cream on my car and put leaves inside my car." Weiss went on to say that she got sweet revenge. April fools day is not meant to harm anybody so next time you are planning an April Fool's joke, don't try to kill your roommate.

By MEGAN GLOSS
Staff Writer

How does the idea of a gourmet meal being served to you by waiters and waitresses who will also serve as your entertainment for the evening sound? Too good to be true, right? Wrong.

March 23 - 25 the Clarke Music Department will host *Musical Menus on Broadway*, spiced with a wide variety of entertainment for your visual and listening pleasure over a five-course meal. The menu this year will include your choice of roast rack of pork or broiled fish.

Something unique to *Musical Menus* are the servers. The person serving your table might be serving you one minute and entertaining the crowd the next.

"We look at the quality of the audition, the variety displayed, the total program and how each individual, duo or group would fit in."

The servers include various Clarke music students and faculty, as well as the Clarke Collegiate Singers, the Clarke Cantabile Singers, and the

Clarke Instrumental Ensembles. There will also be 18 performances by soloists, duos, and groups.

The program for the evening was auditioned and arranged by John Lease, director of vocal music at Clarke, and Kate Hendel, B.V.M., music department chair.

"Each person who auditioned was required to choose his or her piece carefully, prepare it, and memorize it," says John Lease, who has devoted much time and personal attention to those students working hard to perfect and enhance their performance. "We look at the quality of the audition, the variety displayed, the total program and how each individual, duo or group would fit in," John adds.

A variety of different musical styles will be displayed at *Musical Menus* ranging from classical to pop, and musical comedy to jazz.

"We try to include a little something for everyone," says John. "We would like to provide a variety of entertainment for the Dubuque Community. We also would like Clarke students and faculty to take advantage of coming in support of their fellow peers."

A special performance exclusively for Clarke students and faculty was performed on Thursday, March 23, free of charge. The performances on



Photo by Megan Peterhans

Clarke Collegiate Singers fine tune a song for this weekend's performance.

March 24 - 25 will be open to the public and ticketed at \$20. For further ticket information, contact Mary Ellen at the switchboard or Matthew Rickets in Food Service. Tickets are going quickly, so sign up ASAP!

Come and satisfy your ears, your eyes, and your taste buds

at the 2000 *Musical Menus on Broadway*. It is guaranteed to be a brilliant and energetic performance, packed with all of the talent and variety that Broadway has to offer, presented by our very own here at Clarke.

What's all the "puff" about?

By JACK KELLY
Staff Writer

Ah yes, there's nothing like the nice refreshing feeling of walking back from class to find your roommate sprawled out on your futon, burning through a mild yet smooth Parliament Light. Mmmm, the smell, the fumes. Wonderful; that stale odor that can normally be achieved at a fine bowling establishment. And the best part is it doesn't last for just that cigarette, no, it lasts all day, and it even gives a lovely scent to sheets and clothing.

Now, sure this might not be a problem for some, but it is out there. That's why student life called meetings in the resident halls last Wednesday. They were held to get feedback on the smoking policy in the dorm rooms. The meeting, led by Kate

Zanger, focused on a variety of aspects of the smoking issue. Many key problems were addressed by both sides- from the concerns of the nonsmokers about the smell traveling in the halls to the rights of smokers.

Pointing to the convenience of smoking in your room and the issue of the greater amount of butts which will be outside the entrances to the dorms if smoking is banned, Ed Marzano, a smoker from Mary Jo Hall, said, "It's our private space that we should be able to use as we please."

This view was shared by a nonsmoker, Brian Leifker, who said "As long as it's

not in my room I don't care one way or the other." On the other hand, another nonsmoker Katie Miner, a resident of Mary Ben Hall, said, "I really don't like the smell and it's a distraction when I am trying to study."

One idea that will be brought

up at the next Student Policy Committee meeting is the use of a poll that all students will be required to fill out before they register for housing next semester. Many other ideas were discussed; including a smoking lounge and separate smoking

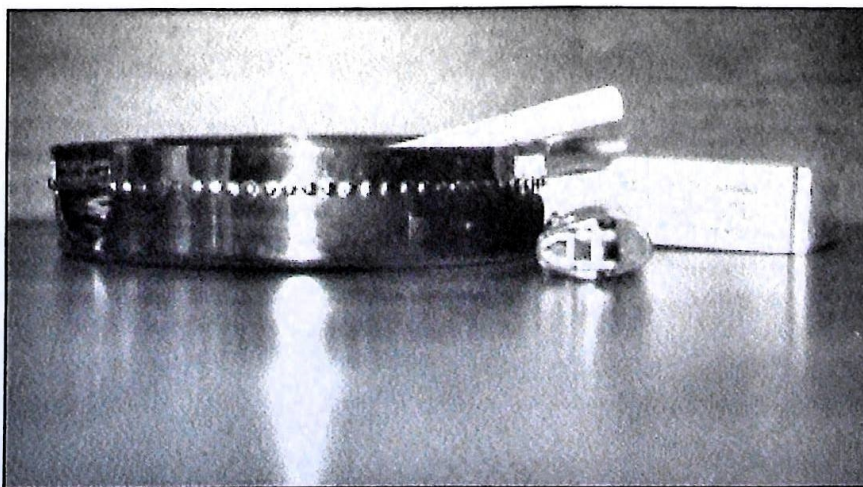


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Spring Break of a College Freshman

By JED THOMPSON
Staff Writer

Spring break: A college student's dream. The week of fun and excitement I've been imagining since mid January.

Except for one thing. I needed money.

I told my parents that I wouldn't be coming home. Instead, I would try to find a job someplace and make some cash.

It was a week before break, and I received a letter from my parents. Inside was a small classified ad from the *Denver Post* and a note saying they thought I might be interested. The ad read "College student wanted: One week. Free Travel."

I called the number and sat through an interview for over an hour. When I finally put down the phone, I still didn't know what the job was even about.

It didn't feel too promising so I continued looking for other jobs. They didn't come.

Then one day I received a brown envelope in the mail containing a first class round trip plane ticket from Dubuque to Miami, with a layover in Chicago.

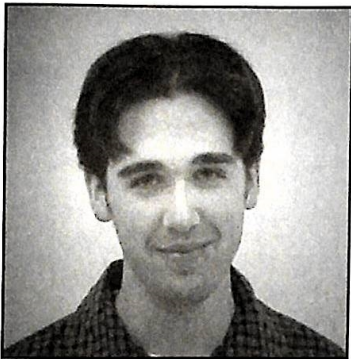
I was getting desperate so I decided I would go.

On March 3rd I boarded the plane. In Chicago I switched planes and sat next to a tall man in a gray suit. For an hour we didn't say anything but then he turned to me and said, "I'm glad you decided to come."

"Excuse me?" I responded.

"I knew you would. I want you to meet my daughter," he said, and handed me an album full of pictures. "Study these, I want it to be as if you already know her."

The man told me endless stories about his daughter and then reached for his briefcase. He pulled out car keys for a brand new Ford Mustang and an envelope stuffed with \$50 bills. "Here, take this." He said. "I want you to find my daughter and never let her out of your sight for the whole week. Next weekend when you go home she will be leaving at the same time to visit me."



"What are you talking about?" I asked.

"I've made some enemies," the man told me. "I'm worried they might try to hurt my daughter. She doesn't have any friends down here, but I'm confident if you can keep her on the move this week she will be left alone."

We were now arriving at the Miami airport, and I asked him "Does she know I'm coming?" "No." He responded "I only ask

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one thing of you." "Yes?"

"Don't let anything happen to my daughter. Do you understand?"

I nodded. That was the last I ever saw of that man.

I got in my car and drove to the University of Miami campus where his daughter went to school. Their spring break was the same as ours. spring break.

How am I supposed to find one girl in a place with 14,000 other people running around? I won-

dered. But when I arrived she was exactly where he said she would be.

She looked exactly like she did in her pictures. She was very attractive: I couldn't understand why someone like that wouldn't have any friends.

I didn't know what else to do, so I approached her and asked her if she would like to go on a date. For some reason the money and the car made me a little more confident around women, and when she saw my car, it made her a little less reluctant to go out with me than women usually are.

She agreed to join me for dinner and we hit it off right away. We talked for hours afterwards and the conversation never got stale.

I have to say the week was great; we went to all the nicest restaurants and to the beach. We went on long walks and she even took me to do something that I've always wanted to do: parasailing.

I can't say the week was completely fun and games, though, I was constantly terrified that something would happen. I always felt like we were being followed or watched. Everytime I saw someone suspicious, I was sure they were after us. Sometimes I even thought I heard gunshots.

By the end of the week, nothing had happened. We were both safe and sound back in the airport preparing to go home.

"Thanks for the great week," she said.

"No, thank you," I answered "I had a great time."

"Will I ever see you again?"

"Sure," I said. "I'll give you a call sometime and I promise we'll get together."

We hugged; I wished her good luck and told her to have a safe trip.

She didn't: her plane crashed on the way home.

P.S. If you would like to know what I really did over break, just ask me.

On Other Campuses

By JIMMY COULAS
Staff Writer

Please Pass the Sprite

What was supposed to be a prank turned out to be a near disaster. Two students from New Mexico State University in Las Cruces, New Mexico planted two explosive devices in a friend's backyard as a joke. The students put the explosive devices in Sprite bottles. One of the bottles exploded outside of the home causing no injury and the second blew up in the home cause injuries to two individuals.

The Round Up

"Baywatch" is Coming to a Campus Near You

Its time to break out the bathing suits. "Baywatch" wants you to be on the show. Students at James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Virginia, who are 18 years or older will have an opportunity to try out for an appearance on the show. The students who are picked from JMU will go on to the semifinals in Orlando, Florida. From there, one male and one female will be flown to Los Angeles for the final round. If they win they will be flown to Hawaii to tape an episode of the show in which the student will have a speaking part.

-The Breeze

TIME WARP!

By JEAN FRANCIONE
Staff Writer

It's finally springtime again, and Clarke College would like to celebrate. The members of CREATE will be sponsoring this year's spring formal with a time warp theme.

This year's dinner and dance will be held at Lombardi's, Friday, April 14. Advance reservations are necessary for dinner, which begins at 7:30 p.m. The dance will run from 9p.m. - 1a.m.

Weber Photography will be available for formal pictures.

Prices for the event are singles, \$3 for the dance only and \$8 for dinner included. For couples who are only interested in dancing the night away, the price is \$5, and with dinner included, \$15.

If you would like to attend this year's Spring Formal, send your name, MS#, and cash (exact change), or a check payable to Clarke by March 29 to MS#1700. Purchase your tickets soon so you are guaranteed to attend this sure-to-be-fun evening.



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Changes in Class Evaluations Explained

A Statement from S. Mary L. Caffery, S. Shelia O'Brian, and Bryan Lewis

We are members of a task force charged with formulating a comprehensive faculty evaluation and development plan.

Recent research literature about student rating of faculty indicates that reviewing every class every semester is not recommended. Further, the distinction between formative and summative evaluation needs to be clear. Formative reviews are meant to help a faculty member become a better teacher. Summative reviews are used to make personnel decisions, (i.e. tenure, promotion).

Student comments are most useful as part of a formative review. That is, student comments should help a teacher change practices that are not assisting students in the learning process. To be useful, they need to be given to the teacher during the semester or as soon as possible after a semester ends. The practice of typing all student comments prevents this from happening. Frequently, the comments are not returned soon enough for any changes to be made the following semester.

We have recommended and the Vice-president for Academic Affairs has agreed to the following changes for this spring.

1. The student rating of faculty will be done for a limited group this spring

-Faculty who are in their 1st or 2nd year of teaching.

- Faculty who will have a summative review next year,

- Faculty who choose to have one or more classes reviewed.

2. Student comments will no longer be typed before being given to the faculty member. The handwritten comments and the statistical summary of the ratings will be returned to the department chair and to the faculty member after grades are in. Students who are uncomfortable with this may submit typed comments on the day of the evaluation.

3. Since the first quarter TimeSaver classes were already evaluated, students' comments from these packets will be typed as previously announced.

These changes apply to this spring only. Please let us know if you would like further information.

We meet weekly on Wednesday at 1:15 PM. Please let Sr. Mary Lou know (6363) if you would like to meet with us.

ON THE STREET

by Corrine Grace
Photo Editor

APRIL FOOL'S DAY REMEMBERED...



"One year, my best friend and I caught a couple of turkeys and put them in the elevator at my high school the night before April Fool's Day. By the time I got to school the next day, the turkeys were loose and one of them had attacked our lunch lady, Dolores."

-Tonia Zyble



"In third grade I was going to school in portable classrooms/trailers and on April Fool's Day, three kids went up on the roof with containers of baby powder before the teacher got there. As soon as class had started they began dumping the powder out in front of the windows. We were hoping to get out of school early and we almost had her fooled, but then she figured out the joke."

-Jason Scott

"When I was in sixth grade, the radio station XRT in Chicago had broadcast that it was going to be going off the air. They made a big hype about it saying that you had to get a special type of receiver for your radio in order to listen to the station and you'd have to pay for it-kind of like cable T.V. My brother and I were freaking out about it until they came on the air and wished their listeners a happy April Fool's Day."

-Gen Barlow



"When my father was in college, he played a prank on his roommate one year by putting shaving cream in his slippers and toothpaste in his gloves while he was sleeping. Then he pounded on the door yelling 'fire' and his roommate jumped up to race outside with his feet covered in shaving cream and toothpaste all over his hands. Once he realized it was a joke, he chased my dad all the way down the hall with shaving cream and toothpaste flying everywhere!"

-Clifton Henri



"The year that the movie 'Titanic' came out, the radio station Y105 in Dubuque made a news broadcast that Leonardo DiCaprio had died in a terrible car crash. After a few hours of broadcasting this the DJ came on the air and announced that it was only an April Fool's Day joke and begged that all of his obsessed fans stop calling the station and tying up the lines."

-Kaity Elliott



Life After Clarke: What you can do to prepare yourself

By TIFFANEY KRAEMER
Staff Writer

Before you know it, graduation will be approaching. Do you know what your plans are for life after Clarke?

Many students don't know how to prepare themselves for the career world after college. Career Services is able to help students choose a career path if they are willing to put forth time and effort.

Laura Kestner, director of Career Services, encourages students to come in at least a year prior to graduation. "It takes an average of six months of active involvement in the job search to find satisfactory employment after graduation," Kestner explained.

Before the job search begins, students do basic brainstorming. "They need to figure out what they enjoy doing," said Kestner. Students then define a career objective. "They need to have a career goal when conducting a job search."

After the goal is defined, students gather essential materials, including a resume, a cover letter, a list of references, and pos-

sibly more, depending on your career.

Once students have covered the basics, it is time to begin the actual job search. They begin by identifying organizations.

Career Services posts positions on the "Opportunity Bulletin Board." Kestner also recommends the Internet.

Students are encouraged to use the Career Services Home page as a starting point (<http://www.clarke.edu/career>).

"Once the students find potential openings, it's just a matter of sending out resumes," said Kestner. "Students need to set goals. They should figure out how many resumes they want to send out per week and stick to that."

This is the important aspect of the process. "Students who are not active will not have a job after graduation," said Kestner.

While the job search continues,

students are informed of realistic salary expectations. Kestner said students with internships or career-related experiences are more likely to receive higher salaries than most entry-level employees.

Students receive help in developing practical budgets. "Many students take positions and don't realize where the

money goes," said Kestner. "When someone receives their paycheck, 30 percent of it goes towards taxes, social security, and benefits, leaving only 70 percent as take-home pay."

Career Services also helps students in the transition process. "Past graduates continually comment that the hardest part of living on your own is developing a social life," said Kestner. "In college it is easy to make friends. But when you are out on your own, you really have to make an effort."

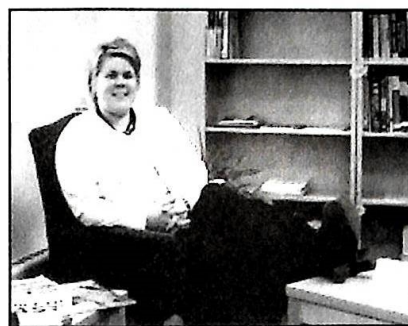


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Looking into the future CS majors hear from the real world

By JEAN FRANCIONE
Staff Writer

Now that the school year is winding down to its last semester of the year, some students, graduating or not, have their minds focused on the future. Clarke has offered some really great opportunities for students to meet with potential employers in the past with such events as job fairs, and career days.

On March 20 Clarke offered yet another opportunity for students;

this time focusing on computer science majors. A large turnout of CS majors met for a discussion of their future careers, of what employers will be expecting from them on the job, and also in the interview.

Employers who led the discussion were from Carte Graph, John Deere, Eagle Point, the City of Dubuque, McKesson-HBOC, and Dubuque Data Systems.

Scott Hany, a junior at Clarke, said "It gave good insights as to what an interviewer is really expecting. One point really

emphasized was honesty-don't say you can do something you can't."

Also pointed out by several of the employers was the fact that you should know as much as possible about the company; do your research because you will be doing 90 percent of the talking in an interview.

A wise man once said, "you can never be too prepared," and when it's comes to job interviews it looks like he was right.

Hesed House Trip an "eye opener"

By JEN GEORGEN
Staff Writer

Driving along in a bright white Clarke van, 13 women broke the anxious silence with memory games and jokes. As they approached Aurora, IL, they wondered if this spring break would change their lives and give them an experience like they never encountered before.

As they pulled up the drive to Hesed House, a homeless shelter outside of Chicago, the building seemed to loom above. Here, these brave people would spend the entire week working in the soup kitchen, clothes closet, and food pantry, as well chatting with the residents and finding out



Pictured at left is the Hesed House service team which spent its spring break serving the needs of the homeless.

more about homelessness. "Hesed House was a wonderful experience and opportunity," junior Gina Palmer said. "It was interesting and heart breaking to hear the guests' stories. Hesed House was definitely an eye opener."

Freshman Maria Powers said, "I really enjoyed the service trip. It was hard to see kids there so

full of life and they were so much fun to play with. I want to go back next year."

Sophomore Sarah Raffin said, "At first I was a little intimidated, but by the end of the week I walked into the room, and people smiled and waved at me, wanting me to come and talk with them."

The homeless are people too, and their stories touched the hearts of everyone who went.

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Shakespeare Cometh to Clarke

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The National Shakespeare Company has been on the road and living out of a suitcase sense early September. Each day means another town and another performance. On March 15th, they were here at Clarke College.

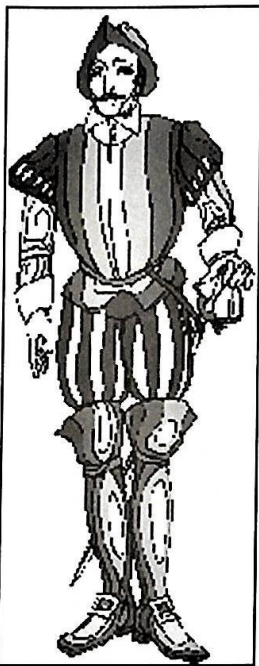
The New York-based group is made up of eight young actors between the ages of 22 and 33. After three weeks of preparation in New York City, they hit the open road for the next nine months. In the words of NSC member Amanda Johnson "You get to know the Super 8's of the country."

They travel from place to place performing either Romeo and Juliet or A Midsummer Night's Dream depending on which show the location booked.

The group rolled into Clarke at about 2 in the afternoon and two of its members headed immediately to the Terrace Lounge where they conducted a work-

shop for the drama and music departments. Other students were also welcome to participate.

During the workshop the actors



conducted a series of games that emphasized teamwork, creativity, and physical movement. "I

found it really enjoyable, but I wish it would have been more of a challenge," said drama major Megan Schumacher. That seemed to be the general perception from everybody.

After the workshop the group had about four hours to set up the stage and prepare for the show.

At 7:30, A Midsummer Night's Dream went on in front of a packed house in TDH. The audience was very receptive and seemed to enjoy it. "I loved it," said freshman Leslie Rubel, "I thought it was great the way they brought Shakespeare to life." They indeed did do that. I think everyone there would tell you they found it very entertaining.

After the show, freshman theater fan Chris Adams remarked, "I was very inspired as an actor to see a group of young people touring and performing so successfully."

Early the next morning the performers were loaded up and back on the road. Next stop: Minnesota.

Santana's very "smooth" return

By MEGAN GLOSS
Staff Writer

In late 1998, Carlos Santana, the musician recognized for popularizing the musical roots of his Latin homeland by integrating the sound into American rock, was denied the option of renewing his original recording contract with his previous record company. Their reason being that he was "too old" to create and maintain a hit record.

Ironically, soon after, Santana was scooped up by producer Clive Davis of Arista Records and signed to a secure record deal with the company. Santana set to work immediately on an album that has done more than just prove that age doesn't determine a musician's success: It has set and broken records all over the world for both previous Santana hits and current Latin music trends.

Supernatural, explored classic Santana sounds as well as signaled the movement

toward a "smoother" direction. The album's first single, "Smooth" featuring Matchbox 20's Rob Thomas, reached No. 1 on the Billboard Hot 100's chart, sending the record into phenomenal sales, and debuting the album at No. 1,



where it remained for 12 consecutive weeks and become the longest running single of 1999. It also earned the album nine Grammy Awards in February.

The awards won include "Record of the Year," "Album of the Year," "Song of the Year," "Best Pop Collaboration with Vocals," "

Best Pop Instrumental," "Best Rock Performance by a Duo or Group," "Best Rock Instrumental," "Best Rock Album," and "Best Rock Performance by a Duo or Group with Vocals."

Notable in *Supernatural* are the many musical contributions made by other artists. Lauryn Hill, Everlast, Rob Thomas of Matchbox 20, Eric Clapton, Eagle Eye Cherry, Wyclef Jean, Mana, KC Porter, The Dust Brothers, and Dave Matthews were among the guest musicians that appear on the album.

Supernatural is a highly energized album packed with the sounds of classic rock, pop, R & B, and jazz all spiced with the Latin sounds of Salsa, Meringue, and Samba. The fusion of instrumentation and tight harmonies create an addictive hook that captures listeners, absorbing them into the music.

Supernatural contains a little something for everybody. If you have not checked out this album yet, I highly recommend it!

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Horoscopes

By: Andy Schroeder
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Aries

(Mar 21-Apr 19) March, 2000

You continue to have a great deal of momentum throughout March. Hard work may be required, however, the returns will make your efforts well worth while. You will have the know-how and the savvy to turn your life around and make your dreams come true.

Taurus

(Apr 20-May 20) March, 2000

Don't let any uncertainties hold you back this month. Sort through your options and pick the direction that will bring you the highest rewards. Confusion may set in if you allow others to manipulate your moves. It's time to do your own thing and stop letting others put demands on you.

Gemini

(May 21-Jun 20) March, 2000

You're best to lie low this month however that doesn't mean that you shouldn't be doing things. Work hard behind the scenes and you will be able to plan your future actions positively and powerfully. The future looks bright as long as you are well prepared.

Cancer

(Jun 21-Jul 22) March, 2000

You'll be the center of attention this month. The more you do for others the more you'll get back in return. You will be warm, generous and caring when dealing with others and this will help you gain the popularity you need in order to accomplish your goals.

Leo

(Jul 23-Aug 22) March, 2000

You may be confused by someone if you take everything he or she says too seriously. You are best to follow your own dreams and avoid letting anyone put demands on you. Be strong and make your decisions based on information that has come to you via a reliable source.

Virgo

(Aug 23-Sep 22) March, 2000

You'll have plenty of opportunities this month to accomplish both personal and professional goals. Don't hesitate to stand up for your rights. Tell it like it is and be prepared to make waves. You will gain respect if you stick to your convictions.

Libra

(Sep 23-Oct 22) March, 2000

Let your ideas lead the way. You will be creative, entertaining and certainly attract plenty of attention this month. The more you do to make others feel comfortable the greater the chance will be that you will be put in a position of leadership amongst your peers.

Scorpio

(Oct 23-Nov 21) March, 2000

You'll have plenty of opportunity to meet special people who can offer you the intellectual interaction that you are looking for. Your intuitive ability will enable you to choose those individuals who are going to be able to help you further your goals as well as your status in society.

Sagittarius

(Nov 22-Dec 21) March, 2000

You're best to lie low this month. Work on the projects that you can do by yourself and don't be too eager to let anyone know what you're up to. You are likely to attract some noisy individuals who can cause problems for you if you let them. Focus on yourself and you will make positive gains.

Capricorn

(Dec 22-Jan 19) March, 2000

The more you do the better. You'll have the drive and the fortitude to push your way to the top of any organization you get involved in. You will dazzle others with your know how and your determination to help others. You will enhance your reputation just by doing what you feel is right.

Aquarius

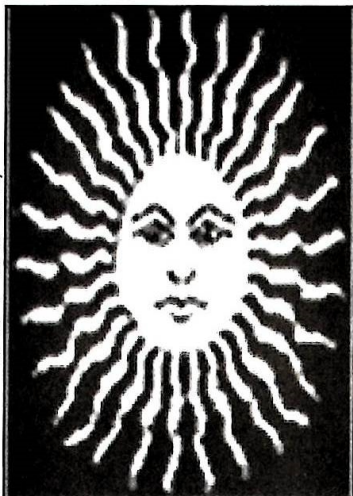
(Jan 20-Feb 18) March, 2000

You will be up and down emotionally. It may be difficult for you to make a decision based on the information you have. You should bide your time and let others lead the way this month. The less committal you are the better. Observation will be your best bet.

Pisces

(Feb 19-Mar 20) March, 2000

You'll be sensitive, passionate and eager to please. Don't hesitate to find out where you stand. Ask questions and let your intentions be known. You will be happy with the response you get. Your tried and true method will once again prove to be to your benefit.



Lecture series dips into gene pool

By CHRISTI THOMPSON
Staff Writer

Do yourself a favor and take every opportunity you have to get to the Mackin-Mailander Lecture Series talks. They last for an hour and a half, at the most and I guarantee you'll learn ten times what you would if you took that time to study. Faculty can't object because they know the presentations are fantastic. Chances are whatever you are supposed to be studying will hit home at the lecture. The fact that some students go for extra credit should tell you something is to be gained.

I went to Tuesday night's section of the series. Clarke hosted an alumnus,

Dr. Elizabeth M. Petty, M.D. Dr. Petty discussed her work in medical genetics. I found the information she had to share and the sincerity of her delivery to be outstanding. She graduated from Clarke in 1981. While here, she double-majored in art history and biology. Since both the areas interested her she decided she couldn't go with just one or the other. Ironically enough, her mother was an abstract artist and her father was a physician.

Petty brought up many of the issues involved in genetic screening. Some included the social, ethical, legal, and personal decisions one would need to evaluate

before agreeing to have a gene test. These genetic screenings could tell the patient if they inherited a hereditary disease, possible causes for prenatal or preconception concerns, forensic evidence information, and paternity testing. Today more tests are used for the last two. Yet, the number of people wanting to know if their gene make-up will grow as society draws attention to science's capabilities.

Clarke over 19 years ago are often revisited among her co-workers today. She said that she carries with her an obvious spirit of happiness. Dr. Petty works toward a positive outcome on every situation that she faces. She said it is also obvious which of her co-workers studied solely in the field of science. They lack the broad perspective Dr. Petty adds to every aspect of her career.



Sr. Catherine Dunn, Dr. Elizabeth Petty, and Biology professor John Bennett

Dr. Petty touched on the social arguments that gene testing already involves. For example, the ethics of cloning animals and possibly humans for medical transplants. Who's to say no one would abuse his or her privilege and take a cloning experiment overboard? There is a big controversy on this and other aspects of increasing technology that will be facing society in the years to come.

In closing questions, Dr. Petty was asked what impact her liberal arts education has had in her field. In her reply, she stated that some of the topics of conversation that came up in her classes at

world. We tend to ask if we know all there is to know.

The answer generally is that we could know all there was to know if we motivated ourselves enough to find out. We have the resources available to delve into anything our hearts desire.

Dr. Petty didn't let anything stop her from going after everything that interested her. It is from this type of drive that she was able to end up applying all that she loves to know and learn more about every day. Petty developed a great passion for what she does and she allowed us to share in her enthusiasm Tuesday night.

A Clarke necessity

By JACK KELLY
Staff Writer

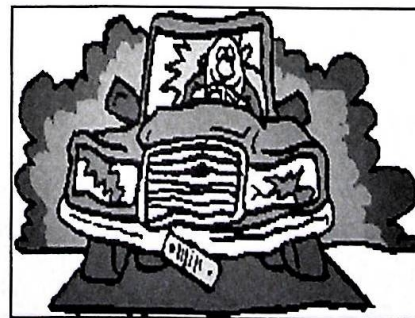
As we all know, many college students, except for a select few, have little money. This makes it complicated for us to buy items that are key to our daily existence. For instance, students need a car simply to get from point A to point B in this vast metropolis known as Dubuque. We need transportation to Econo for food, to the pawn shops to get money for the weekend, and most importantly, as a means to get out of town whenever possible.

That's where I come in. Think of me not only as a reporter giving you guidelines on what to look for in a used car, think of me as your pal. Now odds are since your budget for a fine automobile is about the same as the money left on your flex plan, you have to watch out for a few things.

First off, in the matter of used vehicles, stay away from the converted gas stations with six cars on the lot- all of which feature

some type of balloon and more wood paneling in the salesman's office than Grandpa's rec room.

Typically there is more than meets the eye at these types of establishments. Now let's say you find a reasonably priced vehicle you like and decide to check it out. Don't be afraid of high mileage. The cars will be cheaper and, odds are, if the



vehicle was owned by an older individual, the maintenance has probably been pretty good. They haven't been doing that many burn-outs with it either.

Next, look for things such as paint overspray and the fit of seams between the doors and

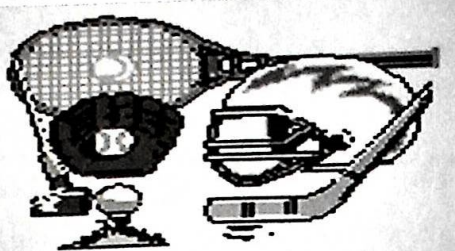
hood, etc. These are good places to look for signs of a garage repaint or a run-in with a few mailboxes after a long night over in East Dubuque.

Of course check out the obvious. Make sure that the tires don't look like the rear one you had on your Huffy in 6th grade, that the oil couldn't be used as road tar, or that the exhaust isn't so black it looks like it's coming out of a Bulldozer. Make sure to check if the thing is so out of alignment it steers like an old shopping cart.

Remember to keep these things in mind and, of course, do some research. A good place to start is an Internet site like exite.com or traderonline.com. They can help you narrow your search.

Get background information as well as realistic price perimeters for what you're looking for. Hopefully, this will help you with both the search and purchase of a vehicle.

ATHLETE OF THE ISSUE



Matias Taking Care of Business

By JOSE DE JESUS
co-sports editor

The Clarke College Men's Baseball team had a solid start to its season on its spring break trip to Fort Myers, Florida. Clarke went 6-6 on their trip facing some tough competition.

The Crusaders were led by Danny Matias, a sophomore

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--Danny Matias

shortstop from Bayamon, Puerto Rico. Matias generated some good numbers playing in Florida. In 12 games he batted .448, including 20 hits, 6 RBI's, and 2 stolen bases.

Currently, Matias averages over .400 and has the top batting average on the team.

"I was feeling pretty comfortable in Florida and I was trying to do my best to help the team

win some games," said Matias.

Last year Matias was the only Crusader to be named to the NIIC all-conference team and one of the returning players that the team is relying on.

"We need to be mentally prepared when we face tougher teams," said Matias. "This will probably make the difference whether we will be a competitive team or not."

This year the Crusaders have some newcomers who will have to step up and stay healthy so the team can accomplish its goals.

"If everybody stays healthy the rest of the season, we will have a successful year," said Matias.

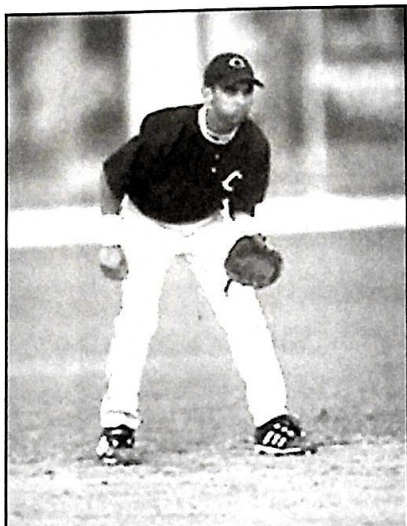
Matias's personal goals for the

season include leading the team in stolen bases, runs, hits, and batting average. He realizes his goals will be difficult to accomplish with all the new talent on the team this year.

There's no doubt that the team looks much better than in the past years. With the leadership and great performance from

Danny Matias, the Clarke baseball team is expecting its best season ever.

"Winning 30 games for the first time in the history of this program and finishing with a winning record is our ultimate goal," said Matias.



Danny Matias

Golfers Swing Into Spring Season

By ZACK TRACHTA
staff writer

While many Clarke students journeyed across the country for their much-anticipated spring break, the Clarke Men's Golf team did what they do best... play golf. The team traveled to normally sunny Palm Springs, California to get ready for the upcoming spring season. California was hardly sunny however, as the golfers practiced in the rain for the majority of the trip.

Making the journey were freshmen Brian Vickers (Washington, MO), Ken Retzel (Davenport, IA), sophomore Kevin Hagen (Racine, WI), and juniors Jon Cochrane (Plymouth, MN) and Gabe Johnson (Cedar Rapids, IA).

"The trip was a good way to

prepare for the spring season, although the weather was quite unkind," commented Vickers.

Clarke looks to win the conference championship for the second year in a row. Returning from last year's conference championship team is Kevin Hagen, last year's conference player of the year, who had an 82.5 stroke average as a freshman. Also returning are two-time all-conference selections Gabe Johnson and Jon Cochrane, and first

time all-conference selections junior Garrett Christianson and senior Troy Weisgram.

Clarke took a 32-stroke lead over Rockford College in the first half of the 1999-00 NIIC tournament in October. The Crusaders placed four golfers in the top eight of the standings, led

by Cochrane with a 157, followed by Hagen with a 162. Joining them in the race is

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Johnson with a 166 and Christianson with a 170. Clarke will play in the second half of the NIIC tournament on April 28-29, in El Paso, Ill.

"It is important for us to play well against the bigger schools," said Kevin Hagen. The conference championship is big, but we also need to win some tournaments this year," said Hagen.

Also returning from last year's team is senior Ben Meier and juniors Joe Tauke and Mike O'Connor.

The Crusaders will kick off the spring season on March 30, in Pella, Iowa for the Central College Invitational.

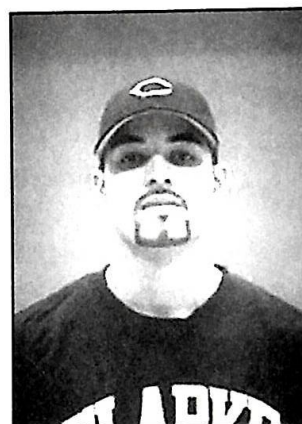


Kevin Hagen

Men's Baseball Team with Great Expectations

By LES GROSCUP
staff writer

The Clarke men's baseball team loaded the bus and headed for Ft. Myers, Florida to complete in its long spring break schedule of games. The Crusaders returned disappointed by going 6-6 on their trip, but their overall record was not as important as it seems.



Nicky Ortiz

The trip offered an opportunity for some members of the team to visit their family. The Puerto Rican players had a chance to visit with family members who

made the commuter flight to come to Florida. All four of the Puerto Rican players were able to see some family, which gave the trip special meaning.

Junior Javier Pacheco, sophomores Danny Matias and Nicky Ortiz, and freshman Jesus Garcia were the fortunate ones to visit their family while playing some baseball.

"It had been a while since my family had gotten a chance to watch me play," Ortiz says. "Being able to see them in the stands cheering for me and wishing the best for me was something that I will remember the rest of my life."

Experiences like the ones that the four Puerto Ricans shared are what make sports so extraordinary to play. Having special persons to watch you participate in events that you are involved in is something that cannot be put into words. For the four players who got to see their families, it is a memory that will remain in their minds long after they hang up their spikes.

Women's Softball Team: Starting Strong

By LES GROSCUP
staff writer

The Clarke women's softball team began its season successfully over their spring break trip in Kissimmee, Florida.

The team posted a 5-3 record at the annual Rebel Games in Kissimmee. They were not willing to be intimidated by the degree of competition and by doing so, they recorded the best record in Florida that any other Clarke

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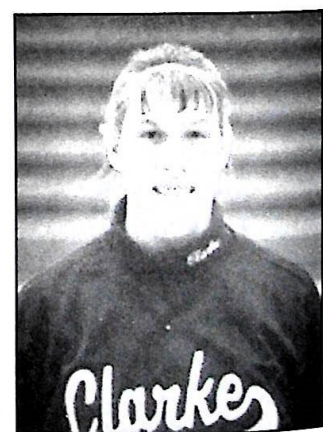
-- Megan Koppenhoefer

softball team has ever posted.

The team was not paced by one athlete, but rather a group of solid players. Every game a different Lady Crusader rose above the rest to get the job done.

"It was spectacular to see everyone on the team contribute so early in the season," said junior first basemen Megan Bentley. "We have a great bunch of girls and if the spring trip is any indication of what the season will be like, it should be fun."

This spring break was a different trip than in past years.



Megan Koppenhoefer

year's squad.

"This year's team plays very relaxed, but yet very intense," said junior shortstop Megan Koppenhoefer. "Our offense was explosive, scoring 40 runs in eight games. That alone should show people that we're for real."

The Clarke women's softball team is preparing to defend its conference title and should not be taken lightly. They take to the road and play a number of tough opponents in the pre-season. The Crusaders play next on March 28 at Veterans Memorial Park, behind Walther High School.

March 24, 2000
Intramural
Life as a Referee

by JARON WARNER
staff writer

Are you crazy? You must be blind! How would you like it if these state-ments were yelled at you contin-uously for two nights a week? You probably wouldn't, and nei-ther do our brave intramural ref-erees.

One of the toughest jobs on campus, next to being a referee- for the Crusaders, is being an intramural basketball referee. Every time these guys or girls step out on the court to call a game they know that they're going to upset

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our referees who have been around for a few semesters, Joseph Gustafson and Louis



Louis Aguilar

Aguilar. "I enjoy refereeing intramural basketball, I just wish everyone wouldn't complain about the calls so much," said Aguilar.

"I enjoy refereeing. It's easy, and we get paid for it. But the toughest part is when you call a game with your friends on both teams and you have to upset someone," said Gustafson.

Both guys had suggestions on how players could help make things easier on the refs. "Just play the game and have fun. Don't take things so seriously," said Aguilar. "Understand that it's hard sometimes and we're doing our best," said Gustafson.

Well, I hope I just bridged the gap in the player/referee relationship. Just play hard and have fun and everything will work out for everyone. After all, we are all out to have a good time and show off our athletic abilities.

Play ball and try not to give these guys and girls who we call referees, a hard time. "Can't we all just get along?"

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He earned many awards from publications, including "Best in the Nation" for his 1990-1991 men's basketball program. Hanson also received the 1994 National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics' (NAIA) Clarence "Ike" Pearson Award, which honors the NAIA's top sports information director.

Hanson has continued to serve on various local, regional and national committees, and is currently a member of the College Sports Information Directors of America.

Athletic Training Trip



Top Row (from left): Athletic training students Laura Marshall and Amanda Perrone; Second Row: Gina Palmer and Sandy Sirvid; Third Row: Christy Diddens, Doug Wumkes, and Jason McDonald; Last Row: Tanya Muskiewicz and Keri Balster.

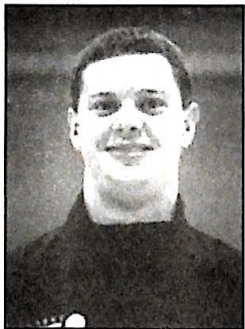
Photo By Keri Heitkamp

Anthony Breitbach, director of Clarke Athletic Training (AT), was accompanied by nine students this weekend on a trip to Omaha, Nebraska to attend an athletic training convention. The athletic trainers learned techniques for care and prevention of injuries.

Spikers Toughen After West Coast Trip

By JAVIER PACHECO
staff writer

This past spring break the Clarke Men's Volleyball team played with some of the best Division III teams from the west. University of Laverne,



Scott Schuessler

Vassar College, UC- Santa Cruz, and Clarke participated at the La Verne Asics Tournament.

Sophomore Joseph Gustafson was very happy to see other teams that play the game at a different level than the teams that Clarke usually plays in their division. "Teams from the west are very good at defense. We hit the ball pretty hard, but they were always making the right plays, they were always hustling," said Gustafson.

The Crusaders won against the University of La Verne and

Vassar College. They lost to UC- Santa Cruz, 3 matches to 2. "It was a game that we should have won, we didn't play at our level," Gustafson said.

It was very important for Clarke to win those two matches because it secured the team a berth at the Division III Championship Tournament in Secaucus, New York, April 14-15.

"If we would have lost two games, we would not have qualified for the tournament in New York," said Gustafson.

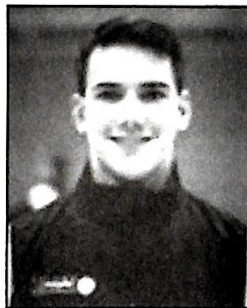
According to Clarke's captain, Scott Schuessler, the match against UC-Santa Cruz was one

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that Clarke should have won. "We were not very aggressive during the game. They did everything right and we did not," said Schuessler. "But it was a wake up call losing to a team that was not at the same level as us, it made us play at our level against the teams that were good."

One of the differences that Schuessler noticed in California was that the fans were not as supportive as those in the Kehl Center. "They don't have a lot of support from the fans as we do. For us it's very important to have our fan support because it makes us feel stronger when we play."



Joe Gustafson

Besides playing, Clarke got time to bond as a team by going out to Universal Studios and enjoying the beautiful weather at Venice Beach. Gustafson and Schuessler believe in something that is very important for every team: bonding. They think that by doing something together as a group that does not involve volleyball allows them to get closer with each other and have the success they have had before.

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Clarke Calendar

Friday, March 24

Men's Volleyball,
Clarke Tournament
Musical Menus
Atrium, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 25

Men's Volleyball,
Clarke Tournament
Musical Menus

Monday, March 27

Apartment Application Info Sessions,
TBA, 7-8.9 p.m.

Tuesday, March 28

English Department Faculty Reading,
Rare Book Room, 7-9 p.m.
Life After Clarke, Career Services, 5-9 p.m.

Wednesday, March 29

Moonglight Pancake Breakfast,
Cafeteria

Friday, March 31

Antioch Retreat
Apt. & Mary Fran Apps. Due

Saturday, April 1

Men's Volleyball, 7p.m.,
Kehl Center

Tuesday, April 4

Co-op/Internship Workshop, (WLDR),
Free Pizza, Career Services, 7-8 p.m.

Wednesday, April 5

Apt. Complex Sign-up ends in
Residence Life Office, 11 a.m.

Thursday, April 6

Same-room sign-up in Residence Life,
9 a.m.-4 p.m.
Song of Mark, Chapel 7:00 p.m.

Friday, April 7

Magician: Tim Gabrielson,
9 p.m. SAC
Room lottery number drawing
Siblings Weekend

Saturday, April 8

Song of Mark, Chapel
Dance: Hip-Hop Night-MSS

Tuesday, April 10

Arts at Clarke: Sotavento-Latin-American music
(JMH), 7:30 p.m.
Last day: S/U,
Withdraw TimeSaver II courses

Faculty Artist Selected for the Joslyn Museum Exhibit

The office of Academic Affairs has been notified that Louise Kames is one of 18 artists selected for the Joslyn Museum's (Omaha) Midlands Invitational 2000: Works on Paper opening in May. The exhibit will feature artists whose emphasis is drawing or printmaking from Nebraska, Iowa, South Dakota, Colorado, Wyoming and Kansas. A catalog will accompany the show.

"Women Around the World"

A panel of Clarke students, faculty and staff will speak about their experiences being raised female and the role of women in their country or culture Wednesday March 29. The discussion will be moderated by Cammie Dean, director of Multicultural Services. 7:30 p.m. in the Allendorf Lounge, Student Activity Center.

Sign up for Success

The Counseling Center is repeating its four-session Student Success Workshop beginning Tuesday, March 21, from 5:15 to 6:15 in the Allendorf Classroom in the Kehl Center. Any struggling students, but especially freshmen, are strongly encouraged to attend.

Topics Include:

March 21, Introduction: Academic Expectations: Attendance, Punctuality, Completing assignments on time. Time Management: How to make and keep a daily schedule.

March 28, Motivation: How to Set and Maintain Good Study Habits. Reading and Notetaking: Effective use of textbooks, effective notetaking in class.

April 4, Test Preparation. Test Taking.

April 11, Building Positive Relationships with Faculty. Final thoughts on success in college.

Want to Boost your Writing Skills?

Once again this semester, the Writing Lab is offering the services of the Writing Partners Program, coordinated by Anne Hirstein and Emily Duehr, the program serves to pair struggling writers with trained peer tutors for weekly assistance. During these sessions partners work on both current assignments as well as overall writing skills. Participants may be recommended by faculty members or self-enrolled. The program operates on a first-come, first-serve basis. So don't waste any time. Find out now about the Writing Partners Program! Call X6445 or stop by the Writing Lab in the library.



Anxiety awareness

By HEATHER MEYER
Staff Writer

Tension, stress, nervousness, queasiness, distress, uneasiness, strain, pressure, and frustration.

Usually the health of one's mental self is not a major priority in our busy lives. But it should be! Mental health is a constantly overlooked and brushed aside necessity.

One of the more common mental health afflictions is anxiety. Actually anxiety is a normal part of being human. There is nothing abnormal in admitting that you have anxiety. Anxiety can be a good thing, the anxiousness and nervousness we feel acts as an internal motivator to help us get things done. But sometimes this safe level of anxiety rises and

builds up to become too much for us to handle. It can feel like we have so much going on in our lives that if we even try to sort things out the entire society around us will crumble. There is so much that needs to be done, but when it doesn't get done, we feel it is our fault, blame ourselves and have the fate of the world to agonize over. We need to get help before we reach this point.

We've all heard the trendy mantra of "Don't sweat the small stuff, it's all small stuff." Yeah, this sounds simple, but in our busy and confusing world nothing is small stuff. Everything is a big deal, or we make it seem that way. If you can't relax and you find yourself stressed out about everything or even just about one thing and you can't seem to function as you normally would your anxiety has

reached an undesirable level.

One of the most important steps in dealing with anxiety is realizing that anxiety is the problem. This may sound easy, but often people think they have a physical problem, depression, or a bipolar disorder. Once you have recognized that anxiety is your problem, you should then identify what or who is causing your anxiety. After pinpointing your problem, you can seek help from the Clarke College Counseling Center if you feel you need it.

Common anxieties arise from tests, relationships, graduation, etc. Knowing what is causing your anxiety can help you manage and overcome it. Become informed on what is stressing you. Be prepared to deal with your anxieties instead of hiding from them. Do something about your problem; study for that test, talk to that person, call that governmental agency. Counseling center intern Amy Licht says, "If it is a test that is causing your anxiety then take steps to prepare for it or talk to your professor." The Counseling Center is always willing to talk to you and help you defeat your anxiety. The key to conquering anxiety is awareness of the problem.

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To obtain an Iowa DOT summer application for these positions, contact the Iowa Workforce Development Center, 122 Kellogg Ave., Ames, IA 50010, telephone 515-232-6572 or 515-239-1289.

Smoking Policy Revisited

By JACK KELLY
Staff Writer

Clarke College. March 24, 2001. Ah yes, there's nothing like the nice refreshing feeling of walking back from class to find your roommate sprawled out on your futon, chewing through a piece of Nicoderm CQ gum. Wonderful, my clothes don't smell like the Tobacco Outlet and my sheets still smell fresh.

This could be the scene next year at Clarke. After the last series of smoking policy meetings held in the residence halls, it was decided to further review the issue at the Student Policy Committee meeting on March 21. The committee concluded that students would be polled during the housing sign up for the fall semester.

The poll will feature questions not only on banning smoking in the rooms and living with a smoker, but also if students are willing to live in the same wing as smokers, and if not, what some of the alternatives would be. The final decision on the issue will then be made based on the results the students put forward so...I HOPE YOU DIDN'T BLOW IT OFF!

Overall this is an issue that greatly affects the daily lives of all students on campus and should be taken seriously not only by students but by the administration as well. Hopefully, a solution will be reached that will not only satisfy as many as possible, but will have been chosen by the students themselves.

Lights,

By JED THOMPSON
Staff Writer

Attention theater lovers. I hope you didn't miss your last chance to view a Clarke College drama production in the '99-2000 school year.

Directed by Clarke graduate Jim Davis, the children's show, "Fool of the World" was performed this weekend in Terence Donaghoe Hall. For those of you who didn't see it, "Fool of the World" was about a young boy who wished to marry a princess. But in order to do so, he had to accomplish a series of impossible feats. The boy believed in himself and set off on his mission. Nobody thought he could do it; everyone considered him a fool.

His success teaches every one of us that all we have to do is believe in ourselves and we can